

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain pending. Claims 1-15, 22 and 23 have been amended to recite a multi-function peripheral. Support for these amendments can be found in at least FIG. 1 and the corresponding description in the application as filed. No new matter has been added.

The title of the application was previously amended in a response dated January 2, 2008. However, according to the USPTO's Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system, it appears that this amendment has not been entered. Applicant therefore respectfully requests entry of the amendment to the title.

Claims 1-4, 7-13, 18, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) on Kuwata, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0072031. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, recites a multi-function peripheral capable of at least copying, scanning, or printing image data and communicating with a management server. The multi-function peripheral comprises "an additional function list receiver receiving from said management server, in response to the transmission of said authentication information, additional function information for specifying an additional function that is registered in association with said user in an additional function list, the additional function list including at least one additional function executable by said management server." Kuwata fails to disclose an additional function list receiver in a multi-function peripheral as claimed.

The Examiner compares the claimed additional function list receiver with a web interface disclosed in Kuwata's paragraph [0050] and FIGS. 14 and 15. This comparison, however, is improper in light of the amendment to claim 1.

Unlike the claimed "additional function list receiver," Kuwata's web interface is not part of a multi-function peripheral capable of at least copying, scanning, or printing image data. Rather, Kuwata's web interface is part of a personal computer (PC) attached to a scanner via a network. (See e.g., Kuwata, FIG. 1.) Kuwata's scanner generates image data and sends the image data to a

proofing system stored on a server. (See Kuwata, [0046]). Thereafter, a user can access the image data by logging onto the proofing system through the web interface installed on a PC. (See Kuwata, [0047], last four lines.) In Kuwata's system, the personal computer is necessary to host application software implementing the web interface and its associated functions.

Because Kuwata fails to disclose a multi-function printer comprising an "additional function list receiver" as required by claim 1, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claim 22, as amended, recites features similar to those discussed above in relation to claim 1 and is therefore allowable over Kuwata for reasons similar to claim 1. Claims 2-4 and 7-13 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable over Kuwata at least based on their respective dependencies. Claims 18 and 21, which were also rejected under 35 USC 102(e) based on Kuwata, depend from claim 14. However, the Examiner concedes that Kuwata fails to disclose various features of claim 14. (See, Office Action, p. 9.) Accordingly, the rejection of claims 18 and 21 over Kuwata should be withdrawn.

The remaining claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Kuwata in view of various other references. In particular, claims 5-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) on Kuwata in view of Delany, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0156879; claims 14, 16-21 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on Kuwata in view of Gitany-Alonso, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0003095; and claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on Kuwata in view of Gitany-Alonso and Kumpf, U.S. Patent No. 6,839,755.

Like the rejection of claims 1 and 22 under 35 USC 102(e), each of the rejections under 35 USC 103(a) relies on Kuwata for teaching a component capable receiving an additional function list or information. Based on the current amendments, however, each of claims 5-6, 14-21 and 23 requires that the additional function list or information be received in a multi-function peripheral capable of scanning, copying or printing image data. As discussed above, Kuwata fails to disclose such a feature at least because Kuwata's web interface is only accessible through a networked PC.

Therefore, Kuwata fails to support the rejections under 35 USC 103(a). Moreover, the other cited references fail to cure Kuwata's defects.

Because Kuwata fails to disclose all of the claimed features, and because the other cited references fail to cure Kuwata's defects, the rejections of claims 5-6, 14-21 and 23 under 35 USC 103(a) should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **325772033400**.

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